



Amendments to the Claims:

Claims 1-11 (canceled)

12. **(Currently amended)** A tank for a heat exchanger, said tank comprising:
a perimeter portion enclosing an inner space, and a partition portion partitioning said inner space into first and second chambers elongated along a first direction;
wherein said perimeter portion and said partition portion constitute an extrusion-formed integrated unit;
wherein said perimeter portion has a plurality of tube-insertion holes formed therein, said tube-insertion holes being spaced apart along said first direction and facing in a second direction so as to be arranged to receive elongated tubes elongated in the second direction;
wherein said partition portion extends along said first direction;
wherein said partition portion divides said inner space so that said first and second chambers are separated from each other along a third direction perpendicular to said second direction;~~and~~
wherein a communication passage is formed as a through hole in said partition portion connecting between said first and second ~~chambers~~; chambers;
wherein said plurality of tube insertion holes includes first tube insertion holes opening into said first chamber, and second tube insertion holes opening into said second chamber;
wherein a wall thickness of said partition portion is equal to or greater than 0.4mm and equal to or less than 1.65mm; and
wherein a wall thickness of said perimeter portion is greater than or equal to the wall thickness of said partition portion.

Claims 13-18 (canceled)

19. **(Previously presented)** A tank for a heat exchanger, according to claim 12, wherein said communication passage is constituted by a punched hole punched through said partition portion.

20. **(New)** A tank for a heat exchanger, said tank comprising:
a perimeter portion enclosing an inner space, and a partition portion partitioning said inner space into first and second chambers elongated along a first direction;
wherein said perimeter portion and said partition portion constitute an extrusion-formed integrated unit;
wherein said perimeter portion has a plurality of tube-insertion holes formed therein, said tube-insertion holes being spaced apart along said first direction and facing in a second direction so as to be arranged to receive elongated tubes elongated in the second direction;
wherein said partition portion extends along said first direction;
wherein said partition portion divides said inner space so that said first and second chambers are separated from each other along a third direction perpendicular to said second direction;
wherein a communication passage is formed as a through hole in said partition portion connecting between said first and second chambers;
wherein said plurality of tube insertion holes includes first tube insertion holes opening into said first chamber, and second tube insertion holes opening into said second chamber;
wherein a wall thickness of said partition portion is equal to or greater than 0.4mm and equal to or less than 1.65mm; and
wherein said partition portion is formed as an integral, unitary, single-piece with said perimeter portion.

21. **(New)** A tank for a heat exchanger, according to claim 20, wherein

said communication passage is constituted by a punched hole punched through said partition portion.

22. **(New)** A tank for a heat exchanger, said tank comprising:
a perimeter portion enclosing an inner space, and a partition portion partitioning said inner space into first and second chambers elongated along a first direction;
wherein said perimeter portion and said partition portion constitute an extrusion-formed integrated unit;
wherein said perimeter portion has a plurality of tube-insertion holes formed therein, said tube-insertion holes being spaced apart along said first direction and facing in a second direction so as to be arranged to receive elongated tubes elongated in the second direction;
wherein said partition portion extends along said first direction;
wherein said partition portion divides said inner space so that said first and second chambers are separated from each other along a third direction perpendicular to said second direction;
wherein a communication passage is formed as a through hole in said partition portion connecting between said first and second chambers;
wherein said plurality of tube insertion holes includes first tube insertion holes opening into said first chamber, and second tube insertion holes opening into said second chamber;
wherein a wall thickness of said partition portion is equal to or greater than 0.4mm and equal to or less than 1.65mm; and
wherein the wall thickness of said partition portion is less than twice a wall thickness of said perimeter portion.

23. **(New)** A tank for a heat exchanger, according to claim 22, wherein
said communication passage is constituted by a punched hole punched through said partition portion.